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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from March 15 to April 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

• Giant City State Park

0604360 - This project involves the construction of a statue to commemorate the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps at the park. The 5' high bronze statue will be located in the small turf island at the center of the circular drop-off at the rear entrance to the lodge. Project was submitted for review on 4-3-06.

• Ferne Clyffe State Park

0604116 - This project involves the construction of a 75' x 75' expansion area of the current equestrian parking lot. The county road agency will add a second culvert to develop a safe pull through. Project was submitted for review on 2-15-06.

Sangchris Lake State Park

0604238 - This project involves the construction of a 100' long, 8' wide low water crossing on the existing equestrian trail system south of the dam. Project was submitted for review on 3-10-06.

• Randolph County State Recreation Area

0604240 - This project involves the replacement of two existing culverts on the equestrian trail with new culverts. Additional rock and mulch will be added to the trail in several areas. Project was submitted for review on 3-10-06.

Marshall County SFWA

0604245 - This project involves the rehabilitation of a staircase and bridges along the Ravine Run Trail at the site. Project was submitted for review on 3-16-06.

• Prairie Ridge - Hunt Tract

0604175 - This project involves the removal of brush along wooded waterways to crate open horizons for threatened and endangered grassland birds. Project was submitted for review on 2-22-06.

• Rock Cut State Park

0604179 - This project involves the construction of a 50' x 60' gravel parking lot on the south side of Hart Road to accommodate visitor use. Project was submitted for review on 3-2-06.

Marshall County SFWA

0604241 - This project involves the use of a hydro axe to eliminate a dense population of exotic shrubs (bush honeysuckle and autumn olive) to create an enhance view of the Illinois River and better air flow at the campground. Project was submitted for review on 3-9-06

• Pere Marquette State Park

0604294 - This project involves the demolition of a garage located at the old Duncan/Smith property. Project was submitted for review on 2-28-06.

Mautino State Fish & Wildlife Area

0604265 - This project involves elimination of autumn olive at several different areas in the unreclaimed strip mine area at the site. The methods of removal will include hand clearing, bulldozing, and hydro axing. Project was submitted for review on 3-17-06.

Pyramid State Park

0604409 - This project involves the modification of a discharge ditch that connects two lakes at the site by deepening and widening so that boats may safely travel between the water bodies. Project was submitted for review on 4-5-06.

Kaskaskia River SFWA

0604298 - This project involves the construction of a 50' long, 5' wide concrete sidewalk from the existing hunter parking lot to an existing accessible waterfowl hunting blind located in the Doza Creek Wildlife Management Area. Project was submitted for review on 3-24-06.

Sand Ridge State Forest

0604415 - This project involves the installation of an information kiosk on the south edge of the visitor parking lot at the site headquarters. Project was submitted for review on 4-5-06.

Hidden Springs State Forest

0604377 - This project involves the construction of a new 65' wooden pedestrian bridge to replace the existing bridge that crosses Richland Creek. Project was submitted for review on 2-22-06.

Hennepin Canal Parkway

0604417 - This project involves the demolition of a partially completed concrete building along the canal. Materials will be sold or hauled off site for deposition. Project was submitted for review on 4-5-06.

Weldon Springs State Park

0604481 - This project involves the rehabilitation of portions of the Lake side Trail. Work items include the replacement of 12 bridged with culverts and the painting and replanking of the bridge across the spillway. Project was submitted for review on 4-10-06.

Fox Ridge State Park

0604378 - This project involves the replacement of 11 bridges on Acorn Ave. And Trail of Trees with culverts. Project was submitted for review on 4-4-06.

Questions and Comments

All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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